

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2007

7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 7:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen present were: Cable, Duggins, Bennett, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch, Hobler and Swarm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the August 6, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins approving all Special Bills as presented: First National Bank in the amount of \$10,252.42 for loan payment on dictaphone system for the Police Dept.; HMG in the amount of \$10,480.33 for the Gallatin St. project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,704.79 for street lights; Key Equipment in the amount of \$26,850.16 for payment on street sweeper; Timmermann & Co. in the amount of \$20,000 for audit fees; Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,545.80

for electric; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$6,296.20 for lake fuel; Peckham, Guyton, Albers in the amount of \$10,854.90 for IPC Area TIF #2; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$7,138.55 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for sewer solvent; John J. Curry in the amount of \$216,958.08 for the water & sewer extension; Diversified Coatings, Ltd. in the amount of \$39,038.40 for the water tower on Filmore St.; HMG in the amount of \$10,560.13 for work on the west interchange water & sewer extension; Holcomb Foundation in the amount of \$2,950.00 for subsurface drilling exploration & engineering recommendations proposed sanitary sewer upgrades; Nokomis Quarry Co. in the amount of \$15,432.65 for RR5 Stone Claq; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,560.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**AUDIT REPORT:**

Dale Timmermann along with Trish Elam, CPA for Timmermann & Co. presented the findings in an audit performed by his firm.

Timmermann suggested that the city officials and department heads keep a close eye on future spending.

Timmermann also presented annual figures showing the city's water & sewer costs during the fiscal year.

The figures show that the city's water system expenses for the fiscal year totaled \$1,456,460, which is a \$162,263 (12.54%) increase over the

previous year's total of \$1,294,197.

The sewerage system expenses for the past year totaled \$931,968, which is \$17,910 (1.96%) higher than the prior year's total of \$914,058.

Timmermann recommended that the water rates increase 12.54% and sewer rates increase to 1.96%.

Mayor Gottman referred the calculation of the annual adjustment in water & sewer rates to the Water & Sewer Committee.

Mayor Gottman requested that a recommendation be brought back to the council or leave it as stands based on the auditors report.

If no action is taken by October 1<sup>st</sup>, the rates will go into effect.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the audit as presented.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-A**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler adopting Ordinance #2007-8-20-A, Amending The Salaries For Fiscal Year May 1, 2007/April 30, 2008.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Hobler, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman, yea; Swarm, yea. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-B:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to ask I.D.O.T.

permission to close old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Sixth Street on September 22, 2007 between 7:00 A.M. and 8:30 P.M. for the Annual Corn Day Festival. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-C:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins to ask I.D.O.T. permission to close old Rt. 140 from Third Street to Eighth Street on December 1, 2007 between 8:45 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. for the annual community "Rotary Christmas Parade". Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-D:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2007-8-20-D, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Paragraph 10.16 Parking Prohibited Or Controlled, At Schedule D.

The no parking zone will be located on the West side of Fifth St., between the entrance and exit of the Vandalia Main Street parking lot.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman, yea; Swarm, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, yea. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-E:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-8-20-E, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Section 10.04 Stop Intersections, At Schedule B.

The stop signs at Sixth and Jackson running north and south be removed, and leave the west and eastbound stop signs in place.

Voting by roll call: Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Cable, yea; Duggins, yea; Swarm, nay; Elliott, nay; Bennett,

nay; Feldpouch, yea; Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR STOP  
INTERSECTION AT JEFFERSON &  
SIXTH ST:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott requesting to Amend Chapter 10 Vehicles And Traffic At Section 10.04 Stop Intersections, At Schedule B Thereof.

At the Street Committee Meeting, Brosman, Chairman of the Street Committee made a motion to add stop signs at Sixth Street and Jefferson St. in the north and south direction, making it a four way stop. Motion failed for a lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The request came to the Council, voting by roll call: Cable, nay; Hobler, nay; Duggins, nay; Brosman, yea; Swarm, yea; Bennett, nay; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, nay. Motion denied.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins, adopting Ordinance No. #2007-8-20-F, Amending Chapter 12.08 Sidewalk Construction At Section 12.08.035 Reimbursement.

Property owners who replace or install sidewalks in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be eligible for a reimbursement from the city of \$1.50 per sq. ft. of sidewalk installed.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Swarm, yea. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-20-F:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch, adopting Ordinance #2007-8-20-F, Amending Chapter 10 At Paragraph 10.16 Parking

Prohibited Or Controlled, At Schedule D.

The recommendation from the Street Committee that No Parking will be allowed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Gallatin Street, to the north intersection of Jackson Street.

Voting by roll call: Feldpouch, yea; Elliott, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Cable, yea; Duggins, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2007-8-20-H:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott adopting Resolution #2007-8-20-H, Approving An Agreement For engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia and Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc.

Hurst-Rosche Engineers offers this proposal to assist with developing bidding documents for a maintenance/storage facility at the city cemetery.

Voting by roll call: Elliott, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Swarm, yea; Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Brosman reported that a copy of the codification of Traffic/Parking Codes were included in the councilmen's packet for review.

Brosman stated that a work session will be scheduled at a later date.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to go out for bid to purchase a new pick up for the Street Department. Motion carried.

Brosman stated at the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting the discussion for an allowance of a handicap parking space on Sixth St. in front of the U of I Extension Office was discussed. The request failed for lack of a motion.

The council then heard a request from Ginger Boas of the Extension Office to allow two handicap parking spots in front of their location.

Alderman Cable pointed out that there was parking available on the Eagles lot and also the lot across the street which belongs to Larry Mabry. It was pointed out that would be a longer distance for anyone who is handicapped and would make it dangerous.

Sixth St. resident Courtney Scott said that he could not understand why the council would not allow the handicap parking at least part of the time.

Ginger Boas requested allowing handicap parking from 1:00 P.M. till 4:00 P.M.

Alderman Hobler and Feldpouch felt that the handicap parking in front of the location would be abused.

Brosman said the request should be brought to the council so they could vote, but City Attorney Johnston said it probably needed to be in written form when it came before the council.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm to have the ordinance drawn up.

Voting by roll call: Cable, nay; Feldpouch, nay; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Duggins, nay; Hobler, nay; Swarm,

yea; Elliott, yea; 4/4 split.

Mayor Gottman voted yes to break the tie so the council will vote on the parking issue at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler directing the city's engineering firm to draw up plans to go out for bid on the Eighth St. Water Main Extension/Phase III. Motion carried.

The water tower on Filmore is working well at this time.

Cable reported that the bad spots on the other water tower were painted also.

Swarm gave the Police Department's monthly report for July.

Fines in the amount of \$21,535.58 were paid with the city's part being \$7,093.00.

Swarm reported that police officers had run radar on North Sixth St. on August 16, 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. There were no violations on any of the mentioned dates.

It was also reported that the new fire truck is in the possession of the city.

Feldpouch reported that he is still working on getting bids together for the new location of City Hall.

Feldpouch announced that a Building Committee Meeting will be scheduled soon.

Hobler announced that a copy of the Lake Committee Minutes will be copied for your information.

Mayor Gottman announced that construction work on Arby's has started. They plan to open the end of September.

Mayor Gottman reported that the city has two parcels of property that have letters of intent on them. They've asked that their names not be disclosed at this time.

Elliott reported that plans are underway for Lincoln's 200 birthday to be held on 2009.

Elliott announced that Tourism is in the process of requesting bids for new highway signs.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Director reported that the Concerts in the Park last week which was "Golden Oldies" was very well attended. Whiteman stated she has already booked them for next year.

Dana announced that there were three ribbon cuttings in the month of August. CT's Package Liquor, Fayette County Health Dept. Satellite Office, and Carmelo's Sports Bar & Grill.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman remarked on the city budget. He stated the city is operating in the black and the department heads should keep an eye on their spending.

Mayor Gottman stated that City Administrator Jimmy Morani plans to meet with all department heads monthly to help keep track of their spending.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Elliott proposed to allocate some of the infrastructure tax monies for reconstruction work such as leveling and widening Filmore St. near the Kaskaskia College.

Mayor Gottman asked John Moyer to fix the crown on Filmore St. similar to the one on Main St. for safety reasons.

**AUDIENCE:**

Chris Young, resident of N. Sixth St. told the council, that they need to rethink their vote. He felt by eliminating the stop sign at Sixth and Jackson the council has created a real problem. He felt that the children are in jeopardy.

He stated that the corner south of Lincoln School is still a bus stop, and that young children gather at that intersection every day.

Hobler stated there are several stops all over town where buses stop and that's why they have the arm and flags on the side of them with flashing lights.

Young along with Dana Andrews said if the city does not want to use stop signs to control the speed of traffic, by eliminating the stop sign and no parking on Sixth St., how do you control the speed?

Feldpouch stated that would be an enforcement issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Motion carried.

